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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

REF: WARSAW 3478

1. PROPOSED VISIT OF EXIMBANK TEAM: EXIM HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE THEIR VISIT UNTIL THE FALL. THEY ARE NOW THINKING ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER. WHILE WE WERE DISCUSSING THIS WITH EXIM BANK WE LEARNED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BANK HANDLOWY ABOUT THE CONTRACT FOR THE PILA POLYESTER PLANT. BANK HANDLOWY AND EXIMBANK ARE NOW IN SOMETHING OF A CHICKEN AND EGG SITUATION. BANK HANDLOWY WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER THE FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO FLUOR BEFORE IT WILL SAY WHETHER THE PILA PROJECT WILL HAVE HIGH PRIORITY. EXIMBANK HAS ITS OWN QUESTIONS BEFORE IT CAN SAY WHETHER THE FINANCING WILL BE AVAILABLE. IN PARTICULAR, EXIM WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER
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THE PROJECT CAN REALLY BE SELF-LIQUIDATING IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT GLUT ON THE WORLD MARKET FOR POLYESTER FIBERS.

2. CCC CREDITS: THERE ARE 35 AGRICULTURAL BILLS NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS THAT WOULD IN SOME WAY AFFECT US FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL POLICY. SOME OF THESE WOULD ALTER THE EFFECT OF JACKSON-VANIK WITH RESPECT TO THE CCC CREDITS AND SOME

WOULD EXTEND CCC CREDITS WITH A LONGER REPAYMENT PERIOD.
AT THE MINUTE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY OF THESE BILLS
WILL BE APPROVED. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU A MORE DETAILED
REPORT SHORTLY AND WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE. FYI
HUNGARY BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR CCC CREDITS WHEN THE PRESIDENT
SIGNED THE WAIVER FOR THE TRADE AGREEMENT ON APRIL 7.
NO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS NEEDED. END FYI.

3. AS YOU KNOW WE ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE POLISH PERFORMANCE ON DIVIDED FAMILIES AND VISA
DENIALS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED OUR CONCERNS IN DETAIL
WITH SUZANNE LOTARSKI WHO HAS TAKEN OVER FOR ROGER
SEVERANCE AND WITH HER REPLACEMENT ON THE COMMERCE POLISH
DESK CHRIS LUCYK. FOR THE TIME BEING WE ARE CONTINUING
TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS BUT WE HAVE TOLD COMMERCE THAT THE POLES WILL
INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF UNFAVORABLE ATTENTION FROM
CONGRESS SHOULD THEY FAIL TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE
ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS.

4. WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A COPY OF LOTARSKI'S
PAPER ON REDUCING THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE
COMMISSION MEETINGS. WE HAVE INFORMED USDOC THAT WE WILL
BE UNHAPPY IF THE POLES SEE IT BEFORE WE DO. USDOC HAS
ASSURED US THAT LOTARSKI WILL NOT DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT
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DURING HER MAY VISIT.

5. ED WILSON TOLD US APRIL 25 THAT HE IS EIGHTY PERCENT
SURE THAT KRZAK WILL HEAD THE POLISH REPRESENTATION AT THE
COUNCIL MEETING. WILSON ASKED US TO MAKE APPROPRIATE USG
APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ALL CONCERNED
IF YOU COULD CONFIRM KRZAK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.
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